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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
8 AT SEATTLE

9 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 ROBERT C. ARANT, *et al.*,

13 Defendants.

Case No. C07-0509RSL

ORDER STRIKING
REQUIREMENT TO CONDUCT
MANDATORY MEDIATION

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15 This matter comes before the Court on a motion filed by plaintiff the United States
16 of America (the “United States”) to strike the mandatory mediation requirement in Local
17 Rule 39.1 and the Court’s July 19, 2007 order setting trial and related dates. The United
18 States has moved for summary judgment and to permanently enjoin defendant from
19 operating his allegedly illegal warehouse bank. It seeks, at a minimum, to postpone
20 mediation until after the Court rules on those motions.

21 In addition, the United States notes that it will not agree to settle this case unless
22 defendant consents to the entry of a permanent injunction, which he appears unlikely to
23 do. Accordingly, mediation would likely prove futile. For this reason, and because
24 defendant has not opposed the motion, the Court finds that the United States has shown
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1 good cause to strike the requirement and deadline to conduct mediation in this case.

2 The United States' motion to strike the deadline for mandatory mediation (Dkt.
3 #53) is GRANTED.

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5 DATED this 29th day of February, 2008.

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8 Robert S. Lasnik
9 United States District Judge